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Application No. 09/786,440

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Docket No.: 03634/0001360-US0

Supplemental Amendment dated November 7, 2006

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendment and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 46, 47, 49, 50, 54-57 and 60-67 were previously pending.

Claims 46, 47, 49, 50, 54, 56, 57, 60, 62-66 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 55, 61 and 67 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for pointing out that claims 55, 61 and 67 contain allowable subject if amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 46, 47, 49, 50, 54-57 and 60-67 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants have amended claims 55, 61 and 67 to address the rejection. Specifically, claim 55 has been amended to recite a method that includes a step of "manufacturing an article of manufacture." Claim 61 has been amended to recite a system including a processor configured to "control manufacturing of the article of manufacture." Similarly, claim 67 has been amended to recite a programmable medium containing a computer program that when executed performs steps including "controlling the manufacturing of the article of manufacture." Thus, claims 55, 61 and 67 are directed to statutory subject matter. Claims 46, 47, 49, 50, 54, 56, 57, 60, 62-66 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot with respect to these claims. Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

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EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the opportunities extended to Applicants' attorney to discuss the application by telephone. Appropriate language to overcome the rejection held under 35 U.S.C. § 101 was discussed, along with the prior art rejections under § 102.

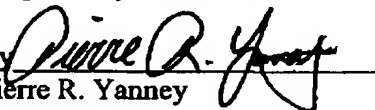
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 55, 61 and 67 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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